

# THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints

Marlow



30th December 2018 – 1st Sunday after Christmas

08.00	Holy Communion (said)	Graham & Sami Watts
09.15	Holy Communion (sung)	Graham & Sami Watts
10.59	Informal Service	Sarah Fitzgerald

*We are ordinary people led by an extraordinary God, whose love inspires us to welcome everyone, serve our communities and grow as we follow Jesus together*

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO EVENSONG TONIGHT

## Summary of Church council meeting 26th Nov.

**Children's/Youth worker:** After considerable thought, prayer, consultation with key parties and discussion, the Church council have unanimously decided to proceed with appointing a full time person to work as a Children's and Youth Worker. We feel that this is the necessary step to help grow our Church and our younger members and we hope you will support and prayerfully accept our decision.

**2019/20 Budget:** Following several months of discussions and debate (and a significant amount of work from Julie and Peter) surrounding next year's budget, the Church council agreed a budget with a net planned overspend of £10,453 (this includes the cost of the new Children's and Youth Worker). The income line in the budget includes a £10K fundraising task on Church Council members as well as a generous donation towards our Youth Work. We acknowledge that there have been difficulties with the finances, particularly over the last year and we will be producing a document in the new year to further inform the congregation members on this.

**A huge thank you** to everyone who contributed towards the cost of flowers and to all the ladies who so beautifully decorated the church this Christmas. And a special mention to someone who works away in the background without complaint – thank you David. *Heather & Helen*

**followthestar** In our Christmas publicity this year we are using the C of E's campaign #followthestar. Go to [www.churchofengland.org/followthestar](http://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar) to sign up for daily email reflections over the Christmas period. If you use social media please look out for this campaign and like/follow and share with your contacts.

**FOLLOW THE STAR** Come into the Prayer Chapel and follow the journey to Bethlehem. Encounter the Magi and shepherds at the birth of Jesus and the Holy Family's flight, as refugees, from predicted persecution to sanctuary in Egypt. This part of the story resonates with the current refugee crisis, which will be the subject for our Lent installations.

**Church Forum dates** - We have now discovered that the Churches Together in Marlow AGM and Celebration is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 so our Forum on that evening is **cancelled**. The dates for the first half of 2019 are now **3<sup>rd</sup> February** and **19<sup>th</sup> May**. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Dave, Ruth and Julie*

## OTHER NOTICES

**Holy Trinity School** are looking for midday supervisors. Please contact the school office in the New Year on 01628 482831 or e-mail [office@holytrinity.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@holytrinity.bucks.sch.uk)

The Trustees of Wycombe Workplace Chaplaincy are looking for an Administrator for a fixed term placement until end of June 2019. It's a voluntary position working from home 3-4 hrs weekly with expenses & honorarium. Details on Narthex noticeboard.

***Please join us for coffee in the  
Church Hall after the  
9.15am service***

***Please could information for The Other Side  
be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning at the latest.  
[parish.office@4u-team.org](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org)***

## SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayers  
Friday 19.00 Healing Service**

**Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany  
08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) with Baptism  
10.59 Informal Service  
17.30 Epiphany Carol Service  
Readings for next week: Ephesians 3: 1-12  
Matthew 2: 1-12**

# TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 30th December 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

**A Prayer for Christmas** Lord Jesus, this Christmas as we sing the familiar carols, hear the familiar readings and ponder on familiar mysteries, give to us the gift of pure worship – that ability which Mary had of attributing to you your true worth, your full value, your inestimable greatness. Teach us to be reverent; yet teach us how to express the love that burns within our hearts as we think of your goodness to us that you have come to be our light in darkness, our hope in despair, our strength in weakness, our shelter in the storm – yes, and our eternal Saviour.



**Pray** for all those visiting our church at this special time may we be welcoming and offer hospitality in the name and Spirit of our Saviour Jesus Christ and share his love and joy for all people

**Give thanks** for the teams who prepared all aspects of the Christmas services, choirs for beautiful singing and music, children's volunteers for the Crib services the flower ladies for floral displays and the lay leaders and clergy for outstanding services

**Pray** for children who had no special moments or treats this Christmas, those from broken homes, living on the streets, alone and afraid. All those who have lost loved ones, homes and everything they own as a result of the tsunami in Indonesia. Pray for those offering practical support and refuge

**Pray** for all those at home and abroad whose lives have been altered by violence, terrorist acts, severe weather and tragic accidents. **Pray** for our broken world, those continuing to flee from violence and poverty that seek a better future in foreign lands, pray they will find a welcome and a decent place to live with support to make informed decisions about their future and the best way forward with hope. **Pray** for the oppressed and suffering, the lonely lost and abandoned. **Pray** for those working to bring relief and genuine hope for all in need.

**Pray** for those who are sick in body mind or spirit and all those who struggle to make sense of their lives, and are facing personal times of crisis. **Pray** for those who are elderly and housebound, or living in residential homes with few friends or visitors. **Pray** for those recovering in hospital or at home, those waiting for treatment; those coming to terms with disability or changed lifestyles, especially for those in our church family and community.

**Pray** for those who have recently died and those who are still missed and give thanks for their lives; may those who mourn know the peace of Christ **Pray** for doctors, nurses, technicians and carers who use their God given skills to heal and to mend **Give thanks** for those who are healing.

A Happy and Peaceful New Year to All

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four churches,  
one vision